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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Walt W. Rostow
Special Assistant to the President

SUBJECT : Communist Views on U.S. Presence
in Vietnam

1. Per your request we have prepared the attached memorandum on Vietnamese Communist attitudes regarding a U.S. presence in Vietnam. The memorandum's two annexes recount actual North Vietnamese and NLF statements on this topic over the past three years.

2. The increased number of Vietnamese Communist comments on this point over the past month is almost certainly related to the fact that talks with the U.S. began in May.

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